

HeadTeacher report for Parent Council – 22nd Oct 2019

School year continues to go well if somewhat quickly!

Staffing – Congratulations to two members of the teaching staff who have recently married – Carly Pattinson and Katie Sharp. Olivia Thorburn has now taken up her post as a PSA and Lindsey Espie will hopefully join us soon. We will be saying goodbye to Loli Deleyandi who is leaving us due to a move to Eyemouth.

Budget – see main agenda for update

Pupil Equity Funding – funding continues to be in place and used as per our improvement plan. The art through therapy group has now started with 8 pupils from P4 – P7 attending on a weekly basis. We have reviewed our playground supports and flexible curriculum pathways for a small cohort of pupils. Several children continue to be supported from our nurture interventions. Funding has been provided to ensure that no child misses out on the opportunity to go to Benmore (residential experience).

Building & Playground - phase one of the building works is now just a snagging list. Phase two is well underway with the boiler room taking shape. The transfer of heating to TPS control will however not take place until Easter 2020. The playground and secret garden underwent a tidy during our Crowd and Clear morning. Over 50 pupils, parents, carers and staff worked tirelessly to clear weeds, cut hedges, trim bushes, scrape out embedded sand etc. Our grounds are fabulous but they do take a lot of maintenance.

Learning at Trinity – Our MADD about Musicals focus was a great success and culminated in a sharing of song and dance and our very own Trony awards. We were visited by three teachers from a school outside Berlin, Germany and are hoping to develop a partnership with them. It was very interesting to talk with them about the challenges they face and the approaches they take. Our curriculum focus with staff has been looking at our attainment in literacy and numeracy and we are planning a numeracy week for November. We have also spent time looking at inclusion and how we strive to ensure that we are a fully inclusive school, in line with government and authority expectations. Fri Oct 4th saw a sea of red in assembly as the whole school took to Showing Racism the Red Card and our House breakfasts for Mary's Meals raised a considerable sum of money to provide breakfast for children in developing countries.

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